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NOTICES AND REPORTS

Executive Committee Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 230th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association, San Francisco, March 26, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in Room 212 of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 1952.

Roll Call:

Present were President MacLean, President-elect Alesen, Council Chairman Shipman, Speaker Charnock and Auditing Committee Chairman Lum, Editor Wilbur and Secretary-Treasurer Daniels. No absences. Present by invitation were Dr. D. H. Murray, legislative chairman; Executive Secretary Hunton, Assistant Executive Secretary Thomas, Public Relations Director Clancy and Mr. Ben H. Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California. A quorum present and acting.

1. Membership:

- (a) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reinstate four members whose 1951 dues had been received since the last Council meeting.
- (b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, it was voted to elect nine applicants to Associate Membership. These were: Elizabeth Jolly, Luigi Luzzatti, S. H. Schonberger, James K. Smith, and Helen Wolfenden, Alameda-Contra Costa; Roy D. Smith and D. V. Wiebe, Fresno County; Paul Beddoe, Los Angeles County; Charles H. Ludwig, Sonoma County.
- (c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 18 applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were: R. T. Sutherland, Alameda-Contra Costa; Sidney R. Burnap, Cecil C. Cole, Marie Anna Conradi, R. E. Flesher, Horace H. McCoy, Rea Proctor McGee, Albert H. Moore, Milton M. Portis, George D. Stilson, A. W. Teel, Raymond C. Thompson, and Harry D. Van Fleet, Los Angeles County; Charles M. Fox, San Diego County; Edwin I. Bartlett, LeRoy H. Briggs, Leo Eloesser, and Robert S. Irvine, San Francisco County.
- (d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 25 applicants were voted a reduction of

dues for postgraduate study or because of protracted illness.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recommend to the Council that an amendment to Chapter II, Section 4(a) of the By-Laws be proposed to the House of Delegates, to provide that applicants for Retired Membership be considered eligible for such election if they had paid their dues for the current or the preceding calendar year.

2. Committee on Rural Health:

A report by Dr. Henry A. Randel on behalf of the Committee on Rural Health was discussed and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Association office request each county society to appoint a committee on rural health to cooperate with the statewide committee.

3. Committee on Postgraduate Activities:

Discussion was held on the advisability of inviting technical exhibitors to display their products at postgraduate assemblies arranged by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities. It was pointed out that such exhibits have been sponsored in some areas by the Woman's Auxiliary or the county society, rather than by the Association. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that all technical exhibits at any meeting of the Association be screened by the C.M.A. Committee on Advertising and that funds secured from exhibits at meetings other than the Annual Session be retained by the sponsoring group.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the policy of inviting out-of-state speakers to the Postgraduate Assemblies be approved. It was suggested that schedules should be so arranged that one speaker could cover two or more meetings and that the regional institutes be increased to ten annually.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recommend to the Committee on Postgraduate Activities that its office be operated in conjunction with the proposed office of the San Joaquin County Medical Society.

4. Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics:

A report from the Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics, relative to California mineral

springs, was read and discussed. On motion duly made and seconded it was voted to thank the committee for its work but to table any action toward considering such mineral springs because of the apparent lack of medical properties claimed for such spas.

5. Blood Bank Commission:

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Dr. Leonard Taylor of San Bernardino as a member of the Blood Bank Commission, in compliance with a request by Dr. John R. Upton, chairman of the commission.

6. State Department of Public Health:

Dr. L. A. Alesen reported on a meeting held March 19 with representatives of the State Department of Public Health, at which time discussion was held on the present clinic licensing law. It was reported that the department feels that the present law may not be needed or that it might better be administered by some other state department. A further report is to be made to the Council on this subject.

7. World Medical Association:

A request for a renewal of a \$1,000 annual subscription to the World Medical Association was considered and the executive secretary was requested to secure a report on the accomplishments and the financing of the organization. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that, upon receipt of such report, it be recommended to the Council that the appropriation be made.

8. American College of Physicians:

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to invite the American College of Physicians, in behalf of the Association, to hold its 1955 or 1956 annual meeting in San Francisco.

9. Conference on School Health:

An invitation to attend an informal discussion in Los Angeles on April 9, 1952, between representatives of the State Department of Education and the Bureau of Health Education of the American Medical Association was discussed and it was agreed that Dr. Charnock would attend and report back to the Council at its next meeting.

10. Alternate Delegate to A.M.A.:

Report was made on the fact that Dr. A. E. Moore, elected in 1951 as an Alternate Delegate to the A.M.A., did not qualify under the A.M.A. requirement of two years of Fellowship immediately preceding such election. It was pointed out that the A.M.A. is now considering an amendment to its Constitution and By-Laws which would eliminate Fellowship and that if that is adopted, Dr. Moore would be eligible to serve. It was agreed to place this matter before the Council at its next meeting.

11. California Physicians' Service:

The subject of the bills submitted to C.P.S. for services not rendered was fully discussed. It was

pointed out that a committee of the Association (C.P.S. Study Committee) has been investigating this matter and other phases of C.P.S.'s operations for several months. It was moved, seconded and carried that this Association's Committee on C.P.S. be directed vigorously to continue its investigation of the facts relating to false bills to C.P.S., and when it has completed its analysis of the facts that its conclusions and recommendations be incorporated in its report to the Association.

It was the further sense of the Executive Committee that the membership of the Association be made aware of the fact that the California Medical Association, through its C.P.S. Study Committee, has been and is working on the problem and will not discontinue its efforts until the conditions of which complaint has been made have been eradicated and their recurrence made impossible.

12. California Medicine:

Dr. Wilbur reported on a request he had received for assistance in securing advertising for county society bulletins and this was referred to the executive secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded, at the request of Dr. Wilbur, it was voted to appoint a representative of the general practitioners to membership on the Editorial Board.

13. California Farm Bureau Federation:

Dr. MacLean reported on a meeting held with officers of the California Farm Bureau Federation, at which a request was received for assistance in handling matters relating to the treatment of industrial injury cases. A specific outline of the problem and the assistance requested is to be filed for presentation to the Council.

14. Public Relations:

Dr. Charnock requested the assistance of representatives of the Department of Public Relations in working with local chapters of the Student A.M.A. and it was agreed that such assistance be granted.

15. District Hospitals:

Dr. MacLean reported on a meeting held with representatives of the Marin Hospital District, at which the C.M.A. was requested to make its position clear with regard to district hospitals now operating. The C.M.A. was also asked to send a representative to a coming meeting of the Association of District Hospital Directors. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this matter to Dr. Thompson's subcommittee of the Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies for study and report to the Council.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., Chairman ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., Secretary